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LETTER DATED 24 OCTOBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I wish to inform you that the United States Air Force is continuing to violate Iraqi airspace, as follows:

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1. On 22/23 October 1991, the United States Air Force continued its violations of Iraqi airspace for purposes of surveillance and provocation with 38 sorties flown by 14 two-aircraft formations, two four-aircraft formations and two single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 3,500 to 17,000 metres.

2. The flights centred on Arbil, Mosul, Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah.

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1. On 23/24 October 1991, the United States Air Force continued its violations of Iraqi airspace for purposes of surveillance and provocation with 29 sorties flown by 12 two-aircraft formations, one four-aircraft formation and one single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,000 to 5,000 metres.

2. The flights centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Arbil, Zakho, Amadiyah, Tall'afar and Ayn Zalah.

3. Two aircraft coming from the direction of Kuwait violated the Iraqi frontier to a distance of 12 to 15 kilometres at speeds of 480 to 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 5,000 metres.

4. At 0645 hours on 23 October 1991, a formation consisting of two Tornadoes broke the sound barrier over Faruq airfield, causing some damage (broken glass, doors blown out). At 0800 hours on the same day, another formation again overflew the same airfield at an altitude of 20 metres and at a speed of 800 kilometres per hour. At 0750 hours, a formation of F-111s overflew Firnas

airfield at an altitude of 50 metres and at a speed of 700 kilometres per hour.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
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